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Katsuhiro SHIMANO et al.) Art Unit: 2665
Serial No. 09/698,884) Examiner: Han, Clemence S.
Filed: October 28, 2000)
For: Path Network and Path Network)
Operation Method Using Conversion)
of Protection Path into Working Path)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a three-month extension of time, through and including August 27, 2004, to respond to the non-final Office Action of February 27, 2004. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Enclosed is a check for \$950.00 for payment of the surcharge. The Commissioner is authorized to debit account No. 11-0855 for any deficiency in the enclosed fee and for any other fees due as a consequence of filing this paper.

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